

Dear Examiner, Please Amend the claims as follow:

1-(currently amended) Method for lowering ocular hypertension, comprising administering, to a patient in need thereof, a topical ophthalmic eye drop or ointment containing Nitric Oxide (NO) releasing agent Pyrimidine and cGMP-PDE5 inhibitor Sildenafil Citrate.

2- (original) Method according to claim 1, wherein said topical ophthalmic eye drop or ointment is in the form of an aqueous solution or suspension, or in the form a gel, or a cream in a pharmaceutically acceptable ophthalmic vehicle, or in the form of an erodible ocular insert or of a "reservoir" system with a polymer membrane or a gel to be placed in the conjunctival sac.

3-(currently amended)Methods according to claims 1 and 2, wherein the NO releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is ~~organic nitrates such as~~ nitroglycerine.

4- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is O-nitrosylated compounds also known as O-nitroso compounds or in some cases organic nitrites.

5- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is S-nitrosylated compounds also known as S-nitroso compounds or S-nitrosothiols compounds such as glutathione.

6-(withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is S-nitrosylated derivatives of captopril.

7- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is S-nitrosylated-proteins/peptides.

8- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is S-nitrosylated oligosaccharides and polysaccharides.

9- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is Nonoates compounds such as piperazines 2 and diazeniumdiolates.

10-(currently amended) Method according to claims 1 and 2, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is ~~inorganic nitroso compounds such as~~ sodium nitroprusside.

11- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is Sydnominines.

12- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is L-arginine (which does not release NO directly, but rather is an enzyme substrate which leads to the formation of nitric oxide in vivo).

13- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is 1,3-(nitrooxymethyl)phenyl 2-hydroxybenzoate isosorbide dinitrate.

14- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the No releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is pyrimidine (also known as Minoxidil or Rogaine<sup>RTM</sup>).

15-(currently amended) Method according to claims 1 and 2, wherein the cGMP specific PDE-5 inhibitor in said ophthalmic solution is (sildenafil) also known as 1-[[3-(6,7-dihydro-1 methyl-7-oxo-3-propyl-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-5-- yl)-4 ethoxyphenyl]sulphonyl]-4-methylpiperazine.

16- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cGMP specific PDE-5 inhibitor in said ophthalmic solution is sildenafil citrate, (Viagra<sup>RTM</sup>) also known as 1-[[3(6,7-dihydro-1-methyl-7-oxo-3-propyl-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-5-yl)4 ethoxyphenyl]sulphonyl]-4-methylpiperazine citrate.

17- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cGMP specific PDE-5 inhibitor in said ophthalmic solution is 3-ethyl-5-[5-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-ylsulphon- yl)-2n-propoxyphenyl]-2 - (pyridin-2-yl)methyl-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-- d]pyrimidin-7-one.

18- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cGMP specific PDE-5 inhibitor in said ophthalmic solution is 1-{6-ethoxy-5-[3-ethyl-6,7-dihydro-2-(2-me- thoxyethyl)-7-oxo-2H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-5yl]-3 pyridylsulphonyl}-4-ethylpiperazine.

19- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein said topical ophthalmic solution is in the form of an aqueous solution and further contains one or more tonicity adjusting agents, one or more buffers and one or more antioxidants.

20- (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein said topical ophthalmic solution further contains one or more antimicrobial agents.

21- (withdrawn) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said dose is in pill form for oral administration.

22- (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, wherein said topical ophthalmic solution further contains one or more combinations of NO donors and cGMP PDE5 inhibitors.

23- (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, wherein said topical ophthalmic solution further contains one or more weight percentage combinations of NO donors and cGMP PDE5 inhibitors.

Thus the new set of claims are:

1- Method for lowering ocular hypertension, comprising administering, to a patient in need thereof, a topical ophthalmic eye drop or ointment containing Nitric Oxide (NO) releasing agent Pyrimidine and cGMP-PDE5 inhibitor Sildenafil Citrate.

2- Method according to claim 1, wherein said topical ophthalmic eye drop or ointment is in the form of an aqueous solution or suspension, or in the form a gel, or a cream in a pharmaceutically acceptable ophthalmic vehicle, or in the form of an erodible ocular insert or of a "reservoir" system with a polymer membrane or a gel to be placed in the conjunctival sac.

3-Methods according to claims 1 and 2, wherein the NO releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is nitroglycerine.

4-Method according to claims 1 and 2, wherein the NO releasing agent in said ophthalmic medicament is sodium nitroprusside.

5-Method according to claims 1 and 2, wherein the cGMP specific PDE-5 inhibitor in said ophthalmic solution is (sildenafil) also known as 1-[[3-(6,7-dihydro-1 methyl-7-oxo-3-propyl-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-5-yl)-4 ethoxyphenyl]sulphonyl]-4-methylpiperazine.

These claims have been revised and amended or withdrawn based on examiners election/restrictions under 35 USC 121 or 35 USC 112.